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POLICING & POLICY

Sudbury, Canada Police Launch Campaign To Check For Drivers' Alcohol, Cannabis Use.

CBC (CAN) (11/29, Sasitharan) reports, "Sudbury police launched their festive ride check campaign on Wednesday and this year, police will be tasked with also checking for cannabis use or consumption." According to CBC, "During the Christmas season, the police increase the number of R.I.D.E. checks they conduct around the region," and "now, they've expanded their scope to check for those driving under the influence of drugs – whether that be smoked or as edibles." CBC adds, "Sergeant Tim Burtt of the Traffic Management unit of the Greater Sudbury Police says while the formatting of the R.I.D.E. checks hasn't changed now that they are checking for cannabis use, there are more tests involved. 'What we do now is the same thing: line of question, observations. All the stuff that we would,' says Sgt. Brutt. 'If we believe someone might be under the influence of a drug, we then make the next step to our standardized field sobriety technician.'"

Scotland Yard Mulls Armed Foot Patrols To Tackle Gang Violence.

The Daily Mail (UK) (11/29) reports, "The Met Police is considering sending out armed foot patrols around crime hotspots in London to battle gang violence." Scotland Yard commissioner Cressida Dick "said the 'extreme circumstances' would be a reaction to 'serious outbreaks of violence'." The Daily Mail adds, "Patrols would be made up of officers currently serving in armed response vehicles that provide support to neighbourhood teams in the capital and can be deployed at any time." According to the Daily Mail, "Speaking at the London Assembly police and crime committee, Ms Dick said it would only be a small change to the roles armed officers currently play," and "she said: 'We are not doing this by stealth. It would only be done in unusual circumstances.'"

Elgin, Illinois Crisis Team Aimed At Helping Residents With Mental Health Issues.

The Elgin (IL) Courier News (11/29, McDaniel-Hale) reports, "A 33 percent increase in suicide calls has prompted Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley to propose a specially-trained team of police officers to help residents with mental health issues." Lalley "outlined the proposal for a Police Crisis Intervention Team, whose members would need 40 hours of extensive training, at a recent city council meeting," and "she also is recommending that all officers get additional training by June." Elgin City Manager Rick Kozal, "responding to her tally of 749 mental health calls to date this year, said there are never enough services for those in need. 'This team will be a starting point to help get people what they need. Issues that people most often face are homelessness and substance abuse problems,' Lalley said, adding that those asking for help will be connected with local service providers."

DC Nears Passage Of Law Allowing Temporary Seizure Of Guns.

The AP (11/29) reports, "A measure that would allow law enforcement to temporarily size guns from people deemed to be in crisis is heading to the Washington, D.C., City Council for a vote." The City Council's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee "unanimously voted Wednesday to pass the measure," and "the full council is expected to vote next week." The measure "would allow the court to remove firearms from a person's possession if there is a significant risk the person may harm someone."

CRIME & DRUGS

FBI: Convicted Killer Confessed To 90 Murders In Exchange For Prison Transfer.

USA Today (11/29, Molina) reports that the FBI "said Samuel Little, convicted in 2014 of three killings, confessed to 90 murders dating back to 1970 in exchange for moving to a new prison." Authorities "have corroborated 34 of the killings with several others awaiting confirmation, according to a statement from the FBI. If all his confessions are confirmed, he could be among the most prolific serial killers in U.S. history. 'Law enforcement has only recently begun unraveling the true extent of his crimes,' said the FBI's statement." The FBI "is working with Texas Rangers, the Department of Justice, and multiple state and local law enforcement agencies to corroborate Little's confessions." Little, 78, "was arrested in 2012 in a shelter in Kentucky, then extradited to California on a narcotics charge," and "Los Angeles police obtained a DNA match to Little on three unsolved murders in the area in 1987 and 1989 and was charged with three counts of murder."

The AP (11/29, Warren) reports, "The FBI said in a statement Tuesday that Samuel Little offered the deal in exchange for being moved from California State Prison in Los Angeles County, but it didn't say why he requested the transfer, where he asked to go or whether his offer was accepted." The FBI "did say that Little, in poor health and reliant on a wheelchair, will likely stay in jail until his death in Texas, where he was brought in September to face charges in the 1994 killing of a woman in Odessa." Little "is awaiting trial after being convicted in 2014 of killing three people in California in the 1980s. He's serving three consecutive life sentences for those crimes."

ABC News (11/29, Hutchinson) reports that Little, "a former boxer from Ohio, has freely shared names of his victims, places, and details of how they died, according to authorities." The Dallas Morning News (11/29, Cardona) reports, "So far, authorities have tied Little to 34 of the slayings her confessed to." Little, "whose health is declining, will likely die in Texas, the FBI said in a written statement Tuesday. 'The goal now is to identify his victims and provide closure and justice in unsolved cases,' the agency said."

FBI, Police Arrest Man In Alleged Murder Plot In California.

The Fresno (CA) Bee (11/29, Guy) reports, "Fresno police and FBI officers on Thursday arrested a man on a federal charge of conspiracy to commit murder after a police vehicle collided with the suspect's truck in central Fresno." The suspect was identified as Jorge Jaso, 26. Lt. Mark Hudson "said police MAGEC gang officers and the FBI agents were conducting surveillance near Ashlan Avenue and Highway 41 when Jaso was seen driving away in a white pickup truck." Officers found a semi-automatic assault rifle in the truck "and one of the three people inside the vehicle with Jaso was carrying a handgun, Hudson said."

Thieves Steal Renoir Painting Ahead Of Auction In Austria.

CNN (11/29, Kolirin) reports, "Police in Austria are searching for three men in connection with the theft of a landscape painting by French impressionist Pierre-Auguste Renoir." According to CNN, "The suspects are believed to have brazenly stolen 'Golfe, mer, falaises vertes' – or 'Bay, Sea, Green Cliffs' – from Vienna's Dorotheum auction house, which was open to visitors at the time." CNN adds, "The lesser-known landscape – valued at up to €160,000 (around $181,000) – is thought to have been cut from its frame late on Monday, ahead of its planned sale at the Dorotheum Wednesday, the city's police force told Reuters." Patrick Maierhofer, a spokesman for the Vienna police, told CNN "that investigators were now in contact with international police forces." The FBI "established the Top Ten Art Crimes list in 2005," and "since then, six paintings and one sculpture have been recovered."

US Drug Trafficking Business Contributing To Rising Knife Crimes.

Fox News (11/29, Sang) reports, "An epidemic of knife attacks is overwhelming police forces across the United Kingdom, and a $3.8 million-a-day drug trafficking business is partially responsible for the rising crime rate, a new report says." According to Fox News, "An investigation by Sky News published Thursday into the drug business in the U.K. shows dealers are operating upwards of 2,000 'county lines' – when gangs and organized crime networks exploit children to sell drugs – from big cities like London or Manchester into small towns and the countryside." The report "said wholesale drug dealers are arming children as young as 12 years old with knives in order to move hard drugs like cocaine in their communities. 'The younger, the better,' one drug dealer told Sky News. 'They need money, mummy and daddy ain't got no money. So they come to uncle.'"

Police Say New Jersey-Based Dealers Sold Up To 1,000 Bags Of Heroin A Day In Pennsylvania.

The Times of Trenton (NJ) (11/29) reports, "Authorities in Pennsylvania unveiled a drug operation Thursday they say was based in Trenton, but sold mainly to addicts and drug resellers across the Delaware River in lower Bucks County." According to the Times, "Detectives from four lower Bucks police departments found the effort put 500 to 1,000 bags of heroin into customers' hand per day, the Bucks County District Attorney's Office announced." Investigators "started looking into an operation headed by Cornelius Bell, 28, in March, and made numerous controlled purchases of drugs from him and his alleged associates," and "the buys totaled four 'bricks' of heroin – each containing approximately 50 bags – that were labeled 'Tom Brady.'" Bell "and his alleged partner, Jalmed P. Marks, 27, were arrested earlier this month in Falls Township."

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Suffolk County, New York Police Campaign Aims To Attract Minority Officers.

Newsday (NY) (11/29, O'Keeffe) reports, "Suffolk police will soon unleash a $215,000 marketing blitz intended to persuade Hispanics and others in the county's minority communities to take the department's spring entrance exam." Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Police Commissioner Geraldine Hart "said the marketing campaign, scheduled to begin after Christmas, is part of a broader effort to improve services to Suffolk's minority residents . 'Our goal is to get as many people as possible taking the test from as diverse a group as possible,' Bellone said in an interview Thursday. 'We want to make sure we continue to move toward a police department that fully reflects the diversity of our county because we understand a police force that is fully reflective of the people it serves is more effective.'"

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